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## **CLMPTO**

September 20, 2004 1.-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) An <u>intermediate</u> interconnect structure for a semiconductor chip comprising:

nonreflowed an Intermediate solder assembly including :

a Pb-rich ball attached to said semiconductor chip and having an exposed<u>outer</u> surface; and

a thin cap layer of Sn on said exposedouter surface of said Pb-rich ball;

said Sn layer having a thickness of less than 10.2µm (0.4 mils) and having a melting temperature lower than that of Pb, thereby said intermediate interconnect structure adapted so that Sn from said thin layer and Pb from said ball are diffused and intermixed after reflowing and annealing to form {{an}} a solder assembly.

12.-14. (Cancelled)

CLAIMS 15-19 (CANCELLED)